

AS ONE OPTION TO GROW THE Governor considers additional prison

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Gov. Bob Riley said today he is considering construction of another state prison as one option to housing the growing number of state inmates.

The state Department of Corrections once had 2,844 inmates

backed up, but that backlog was eliminated last year by sending inmates to private prisons out of state.

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